

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** IS THE LAW



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT of EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

It is against the law for this recipient of Federal financial assistance to discriminate on the following bases:

Against any individual in the United States, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief; and

Against any beneficiary of programs financially assisted under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), on the basis of the beneficiary's citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States, or his or her participation in any WIA Title I—financially assisted programs or activity.

The recipient must not discriminate in any of the following areas:

Deciding who will be admitted, or have access, to any WIA Title I—financially assisted program or activity.

Providing opportunities in, or treating any person with regard to, such a program or activity; or

Making employment decisions in the administration of, or in connection with, such a program or activity.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION

If you think that you have been subjected to discrimination under a WIA Title I-financially assisted program or Activity, you may file a complaint within 180 days from the date of the alleged violation with either:

## State - WIA Equal Opportunity Officer

Jim Nelson, Jr. **State - Equal Opportunity Officer MS Department of Employment Security** P.O. Box 1699 Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1699

Telephone: (601) 321-6024 TDD/TTY: 1-800-582-2233 E-mail: <u>inelson@mdes.ms.gov</u>

If you file your complaint with the recipient, you must wait either until the recipient issues a written Notice of Final Action, or until 90 days have passed (whichever is sooner), before filing with the Civil Rights Center:

> The Director **Civil Rights Center (CRC) U.S. Department of Labor** 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-4123 Washington, D.C. 20210

Voice: (202) 693-6502-TDD: (202) 693-6515

If the recipient does not give you a written Notice of Final Action within 90 days of the day on which you filed your complaint, you do not have to wait for the recipient to issue that Notice before filing a complaint with CRC. However, you must file your CRC complaint within 30 days of the 90-day deadline (in other words, within 120 days after the day on which you filed your complaint with the recipient).

If the recipient does give you a written Notice of Final Action on your complaint, but you are dissatisfied with the decision or resolution, you may file a complaint with CRC. You must file your CRC complaint within 30 days of the date on which you received the Notice of Final Action.

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO FILE A COMPLAINT, ASK FOR THE LOCAL **CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST**

Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Equal Opportunity Employer Program

MDES is an equal opportunity employer/ Program that has auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities, TDD/TTY 601-321-6056. Funded by: U.S. Department of Labor/Mississippi Department of Employment Security Mississippi is a proud member of America's Workforce Network.

Increasing Employment in Mississippi